Expansion of technical education in Jharkhand

†3056. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Planning Commission has issued any directives with a view to assist the State Government of Jharkhand for expanding technical education and improving its quality and implementing Central Scheme in Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the details of such schemes; and

(c) whether any funds have been earmarked for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) According to Planning Commission, they have issued a letter on 12.01.2006 to the State Governments including Jharkhand outlining additional guidelines for preparing schemes/programmes under Special Component Plan and Tribal Sub Plan by the State Governments. Towards promotion of technical education and trainings for self employment particularly amongst SC/ST, these guidelines also emphasize the need for setting up Polytechnics in Divisional Headquarters, good quality ITIs in each District and reimbursement of full fees to the students preparing for competitive exams like admission in Engineering Colleges through reputed private training centres.

Reemployment of superannuated teachers

3057. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Competent Authority suggested reemployment of superannuated teachers to address the shortfall of regular teachers in colleges and universities;

(b) if so, the number of such vacancies in various States and Universities, State-wise, University-wise, and Central University-wise for the last three years;

(c) if so, the Competent Authority of University Grants Commission stated that it prefers to fill the vacancies on a regular basis; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to fill the vacancies as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF) (a) to (d) No centralized